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UNITARY STRATIFIED COMPOSITE

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

A. Amendment Transmittal

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. No additional claim fee is required, as shown below.

COMPUTATION OF FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra		Rate		Additional Fee
Total Claims	40	Minus	67	=	0	x	18.00	=	0.00
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B. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

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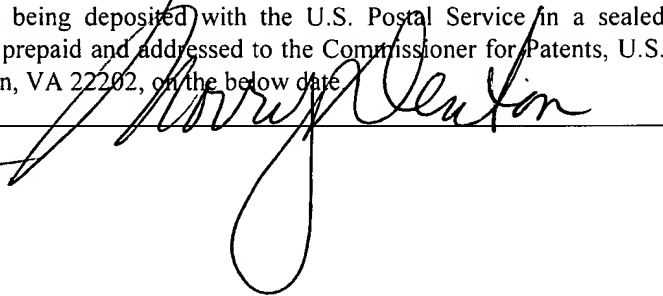


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